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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2002. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A paper backing, for supporting a secondary layer, which has a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, said first paper layer and said second paper layer each being manufactured from wood pulp and short fibers, the short fiber having a length within the range of about 3 to 20 mm and comprising polyvinyl alcohol, polyamide, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyacrylonitrile, rayon, or combinations thereof, wherein said first layer has a blending ratio of short fibers to wood pulp larger than the blending ratio of short fibers to pulp in the second layer.

2. (Twice amended) An adhesive sheet comprising a paper backing and an adhesive layer provided on one of its surfaces, said paper backing having a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, in which said first paper layer and said

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